An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, likely North Unley Park, showing a mix of residential houses, green lawns, and mature trees. A swimming pool is visible in one of the larger properties. The image is partially covered by a blue overlay on the left side, which contains the title and logo.

MASTER PLAN PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

NORTH UNLEY PARK
DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Consultation Phase 2 Summary

ABOUT THE CONSULTATION

Phase 2 consultation period was undertaken between March and April 2022 using both online and in-person methods. This consultation process was to test the ideas and create more community awareness of the proposed draft Master Plan and seek community feedback.

The Draft Master Plan set out 4 key design principles, supported by 4 design directions and 15 actions to achieve the desired change over a 10-year time frame.

The survey results captured 46 respondents and the drop-in sessions had over 30 participants and discussions.








Some common trends in the feedback and views expressed included the following:

- Strong support for increasing green canopy across the park particularly to increase privacy along the neighbouring fences and a consistent coloured fence.
- Support for replacing or refurbishing the existing toilet facility.
- Support for a new central shelter and upgraded picnic facilities.
- Support for improving areas of the park which have overgrown vegetation to ensure clearer sight lines and passive surveillance.
- Support for a central playground space.
- Support for improving the experience with the creek, however, some views expressed further investigation into flood management of the creek.
- Some expressed views to simplifying some of the proposed components particularly the terrace garden and creating better bridge access to the underused western quadrant of the park.
- Some views highlighted the need for flexibility in the park with the retention of open grass areas and continuing to cater to dog users in the proposed improvements.
- Some suggested to formalise the Young Street entry and create more of a slow point along Young Street. However, through further traffic data analysis of Young Street a slow point was not deemed suitable.
- Some views expressed had concerns regarding safety and privacy with the proposed opportunity of access through to King William Road and the laneway to Killicoat Lane.



WHO HAVE WE ENGAGED ?

ONLINE

	HOW WE ENGAGED	WHO WE ENGAGED
YourSay Unley Online Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.yoursay.unley.sa.gov.au/northunley • Online survey about the Draft Master Plan • March 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 registered respondents • 87 YourSay page visits
Social Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook and instagram posts on March 10 2022 were used to promote the drop in sessions and survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook Posts reached over 180 users, 200 post impressions and post engagement with 9 users • Instagram Posts reached 150+ followers.
Information Posters and postcards  	<p>Eight locations were selected around the site and main streets to install information posters for both the online survey.</p> <p>Information postcards sent to businesses and households within 500m of the park.</p> <p>March 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrians, cyclist and drivers • 500+ Local businesses and residents
Targeted online Engagement 	<p>Targeted emails to key reference groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Young Reference Group • Active Aging Alliance Group • Participants from phase 1 engagement • Presentation and conversations with Key stakeholder groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 reference groups • 1 Key stakeholder group • 48 direct emails to phase 1 participants.
Targeted Drop in Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 scheduled drop in sessions were proposed at the Park: • 16th March (6:00 - 6:45pm) Cancelled due to wet weather • 17th March (12:00 - 12:45pm) • 17th March (5:30 - 6:15pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30+ Participants and conversations • 4 phone call conversations
Key Internal Stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting were held with key internal stakeholders • March - April 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 participants and conversations

CHANGES TO THE DESIGN

PREVIOUS DRAFT DESIGN



What Community Said...



Some members of the community prefer a simplified terrace to view the creek with less risk of water overflow from the creek.



Some views expressed concerns any changes would need to continue to cater to dog users and reference them in the plan.



Some views indicated the need for more flooding protection measures.



Sightlines and visibility across the Parklands creek and ability to access the western quadrant of the park is important.



Some views highlighted the need for flexibility in the park with the retention of more open grass areas. The draft design has 860 sqm of open grass area.

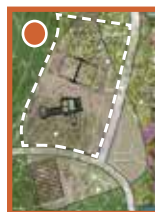


Some views expressed strong concerns about safety and privacy with the proposed opportunity to access King William Road.

FINAL DESIGN



Changes we've made....



Playground

The proposed playground has a smaller footprint for more open grass area and will be fenced to continue to cater for dog users in the park.



Access bridge

Create a low maintenance informal setting with cleared overgrown vegetation. Refurbish the existing bridge to reconnect the western quadrant to the main Park and improve safety and security.



Future Connections

Understand the concerns of safety and security from the Knox Court residents over the easement land area. Any further investigation to create a connection will be develop in consultation with 53 King William Road, subject to the Strata decision making process.



Parklands Creek

Simplified the creek landscape setting with a seating wall overlooking the creek and maintained the level of existing flood management.



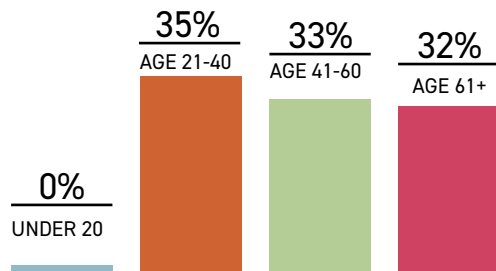
Increased grass area

We heard flexible space is valuable to users and have doubled the amount of open grass to 1729sqm from the previous design. This was achieved by simplifying the terraces and playground footprint and retaining the existing footpath configuration.



SURVEY RESULTS

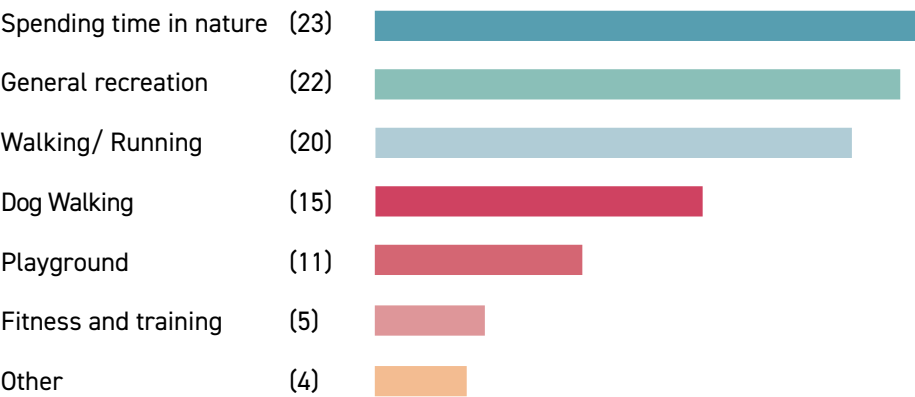
Age of people surveyed



85%
average
percentage
support

46
online
surveys

Why do you come to the Park? (Select a maximum of 3 options)



OTHER

"meetups with friends for coffee dates in the park".

OTHER

"The park backs onto my back fence".

OTHER

"I live on the park. My children use it to play".

OTHER

"Sometime with my son who likes playing in half basketball court or footy".

SURVEY RESULTS

From the feedback we heard there were several key themes were important to the community. These themes were consolidated into four key principles which provide the overall strategic direction for the Master Plan. These principles include:



More Natural Park

A more natural park which celebrates the creek passing through it



More Active Park

A more active park with a range of play activities for the local community



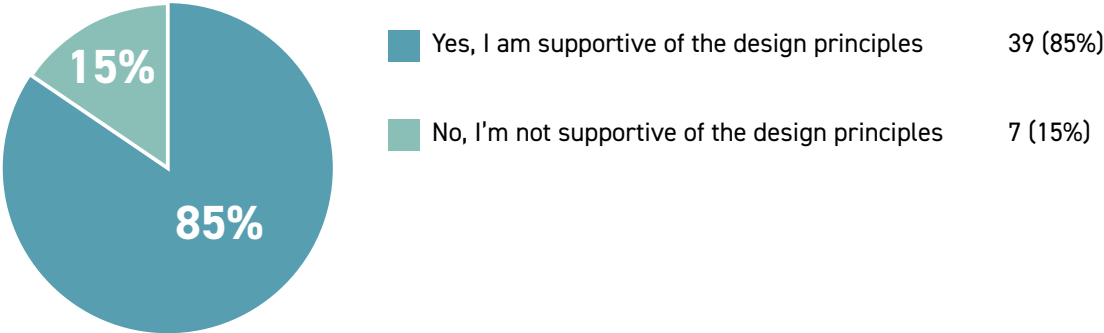
More Green Park

A greener park, valued for its open grassed areas, tree canopy and seasonal colour



More Accessible Park

A park that is easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities to safely relax within



If you answered ‘No’. Please let us know on how can the principles be improved?

Improve flooding measures


“... with climate change it has now more probability of having events which will cause flooding I think we need to have higher walls and wider drains which can move high quality water...”

Reduce accessibility

“... opening should not lead to also having a direct entry or easy entry to 53 King William Rd . 53 King William rd has only 1 entry and exit point for its resident for safety and we will like to keep it that way”

Increase green open space

“The plan will reduce the open space for children aged 10-18 who may want to kick footies or throw balls...”



Discussion

- Respondents indicated a high level of support (85% for Yes) for the design principles.
- A low percentage of 15% indicated no support for the design principles and had concerns regarding more community use, access through private land and retaining the open green grass areas for free play. Some suggestions included improving the flooding measures with higher walls and wider catchment.

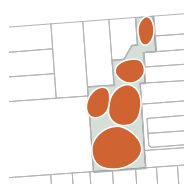
SURVEY RESULTS

The design directions provide a framework to enable change and improvements within the park, which reflects the community's shared aspirations. The Four directions include:



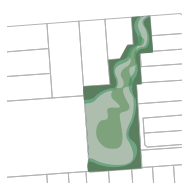
Creek Connection

Integrate Parklands Creek as a central feature of the park with expanded opportunities for connection with nature and understanding of natural systems.



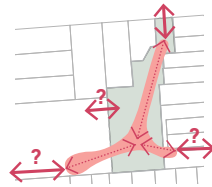
Big and Small Spaces

Create greater variety within the Park to support active and passive recreational uses. Provide a range of settings that support community connection and informal spaces for relaxation, contemplation and peaceful reflection.



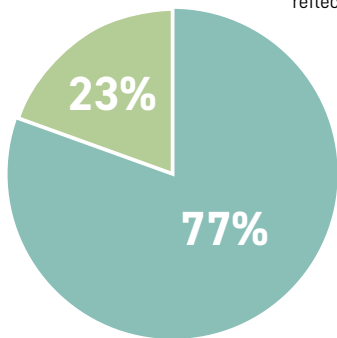
Green Edges

Strengthen the planted edges to the park, with a diversity of species to provide a colourful and cooler backdrop for the park and the variety of spaces within.



Safety & Access

Create a more welcoming park that is easy to view, access and navigate through, both day and early evening, and demonstrates best practice CPTED principles in its planning, design and maintenance.



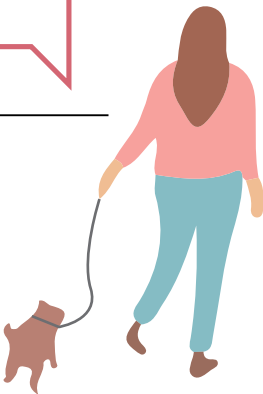
Yes, I am supportive of the design direction	34 (77%)
No, I'm not supportive of the design direction	10 (23%)

If you answered 'No'. Please let us know on how can the design directions be improved?

Privacy of private land	Available green open space	Flooding measures	Acknowledgement of dogs in the plan
"I do not support increased access to the park specifically via the easement at 53 King William road which is private property".	"...The largest of the spaces for ball games etc needs to be larger..." "As per the plan, there is an additional cycling track that will reduce the clear green area for kicking footy balls"..	"It would be good if the creek is closed with a concrete slab and the space is used for community purpose."	".. Most of the people answering a previous survey walked their dogs in the park, but there is no mention of retaining dog walking as one of the functions of the park. I want to see a guarantee for dog access written into the plan..."

Discussion

- 77% of respondents indicated support for the design direction.
- 23% of respondents indicated no support for the design direction and had similar concerns regarding privacy of private land and the retention of open grass areas as well as evergreen buffers along the edges.
- Similarly to the design principles there were some suggestions to improve the flood mitigation of the park. Some suggestions also included the acknowledgment of dogs in the plan.



SURVEY RESULTS

The Draft Master Plan presents 15 actions to help improve and enhance the existing character of the valued park.

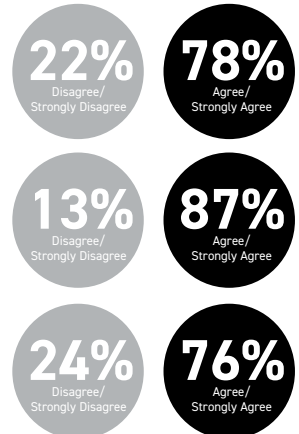
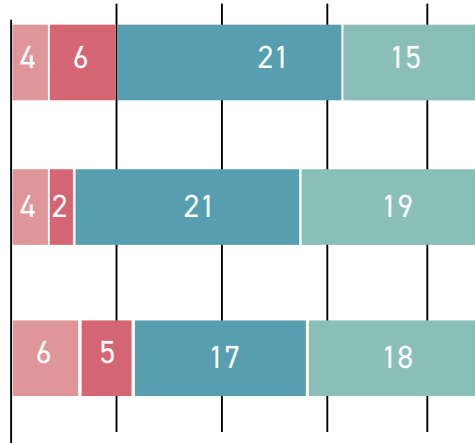


A more Natural Park

Please provide feedback on the actions relating to creating a more nature park which celebrates the creek passing through it.



Create a dry creek bed above the creek culvert to reference the connection to the Parklands creek. Include nature play features with the dry creek bed.



Progressively replace the existing introduced (weed) species along the culvert with a native tree canopy and colourful understorey, to support a more natural creekline setting.

Create stepped landscape terraces from the creek up into the park to provide information opportunities for people to sit and view the creekline and integrate a new fence with a landscaped setting.



A more Active Park

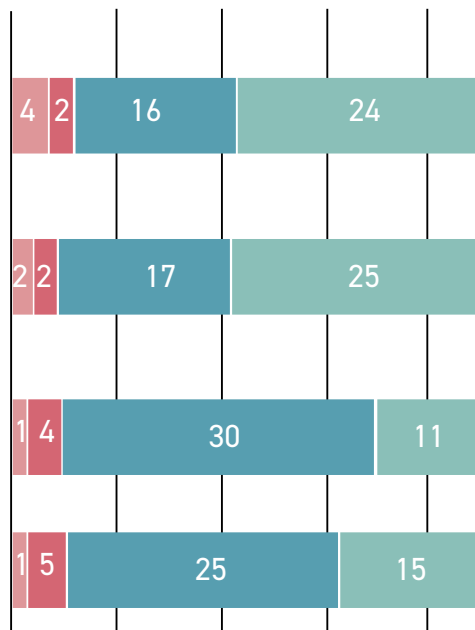
Please provide feedback on the actions relating to creating a More Active park with a range of experiences and facilities for the local community.

At the end of its useful life, replace the junior playground adjacent to Young Street, with a central playspace beneath the existing tree canopy. The playspace should provide activities for a variety of ages, through whimsical / storybook themes play and adventure.

Create an all-weather central shelter to support local gatherings, with views to the creek, playground and grassed open space. Include lighting, an accessible BBQ facility, picnic table, seating, bins and drinking fountain.

Collaborate with neighbouring properties to paint a consistent coloured fence along the edges of the Park.

Maximise existing open grassed space and provide a better setting for the existing small scale basketball/ ball games as well as introduce small exercise stations.



SURVEY RESULTS

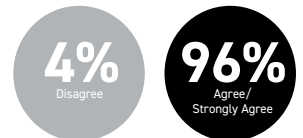
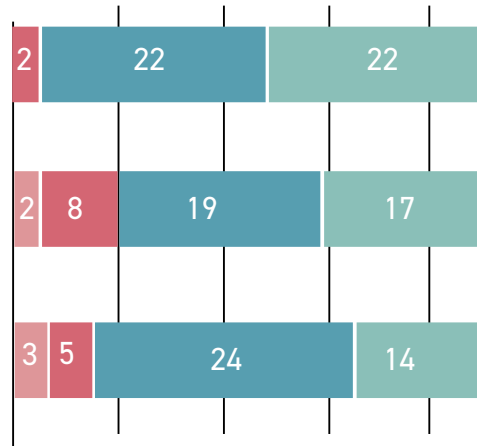


A Greener Park

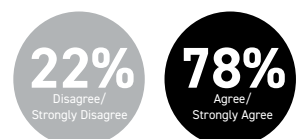
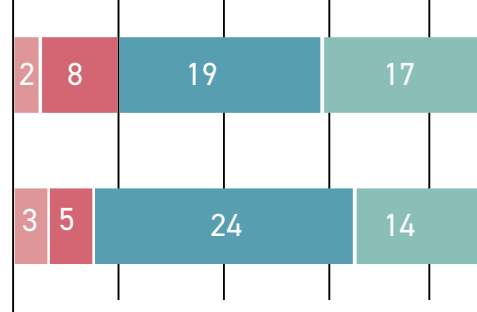
Please provide feedback on the actions relating to creating a greener park, valued for its open grass areas, tree canopy and seasonal colour.



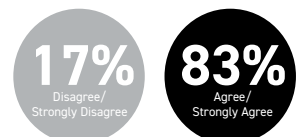
Maximise tree canopy cover across the park.



Create a landscape protuberance along Young Street to mark the entry into the park.



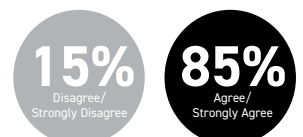
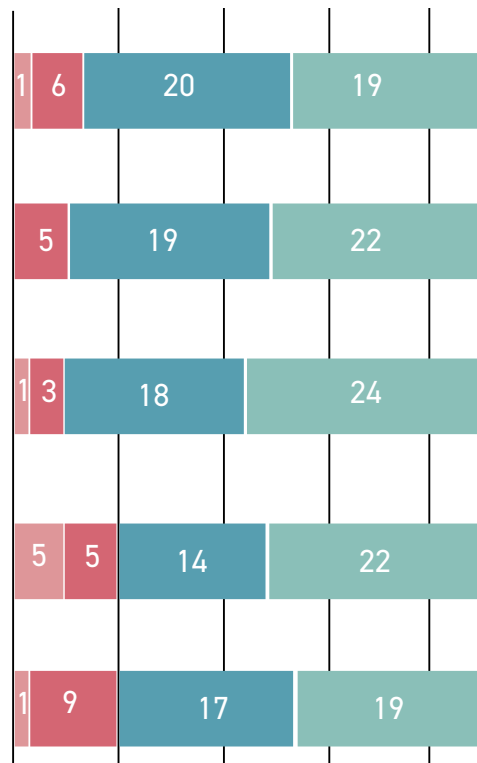
Utilise existing trees and landscape features near the creek to create a whimsical playful garden.



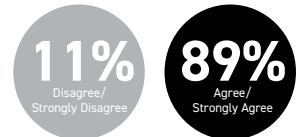
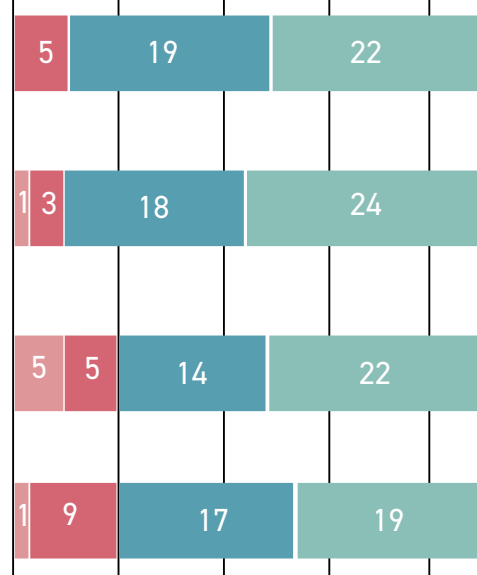
A more Accessible Park

Please provide feedback on the actions relating to creating a park that is easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities to safely relax within.

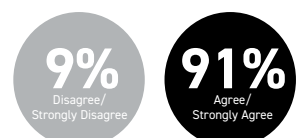
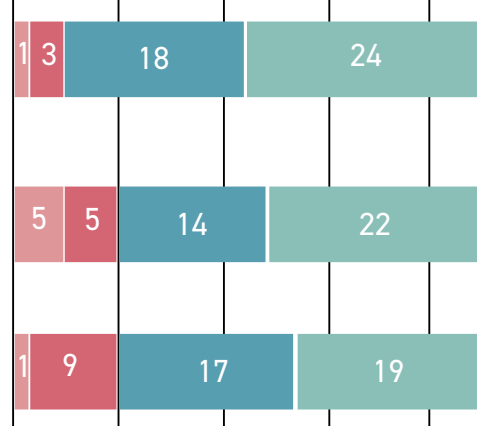
Renew the existing pathways with an expanded network of connections across the park for people of all ages.



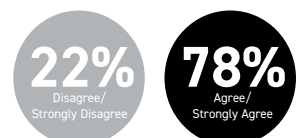
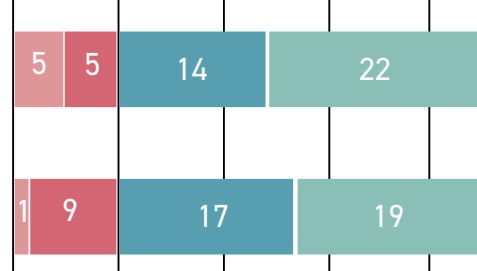
Raise existing tree canopies, trim or clear overgrown vegetation, woody weeds to improve passive surveillance and ensure clear sight lines into the park.



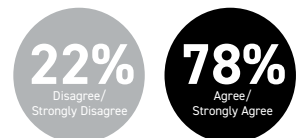
Replace existing toilet block with consolidated single facility, that can be accessible to all. Investigate self cleaning, self locking and other safety features to ensure appropriate use and community value.



Establish new pathways, pedestrian gates, signage and lighting to improve pedestrian access from Killicoat Street through the existing laneway. Maintain maintenance access into the park.

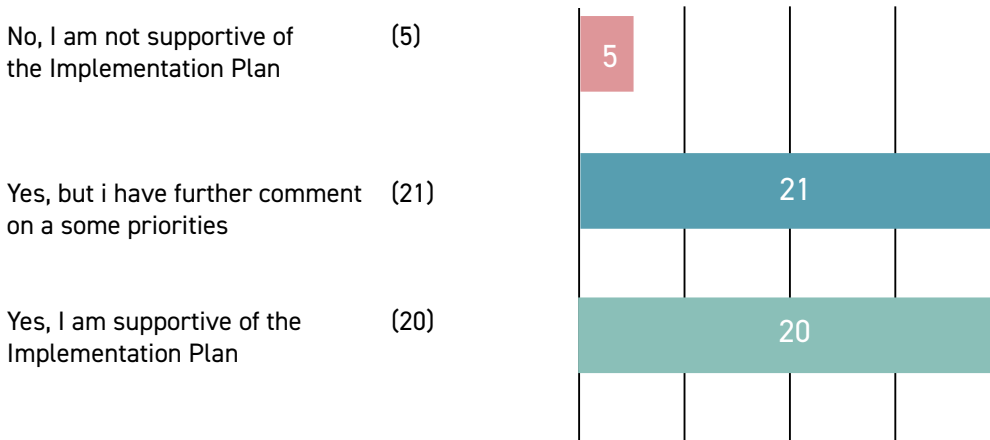


Create new signage along Young Street to highlight the key features of the park and establish the entrance of the park.



SURVEY RESULTS

Are you supportive of the implementation Plan?



Can you please elaborate which actions you think should be higher or lower priorities ?

".. allow dogs off lead from 4pm during winter. The park is very quiet in winter and the park does not feel safe as it gets dark in winter."

"Higher are replacing play equipment with more natural play space in centre of park, removal of woody weed species and planting with natives, improving creek line with more natural environment.."

"I am supportive of the implementation of the plan but do not agree to having access to the park through the Knox Court Car Park."

"...Creek integration needs serious consideration including detailed monitoring and tracking of water levels throughout all times of the year once the upgrades have been completed in the South parklands as I feel there is huge risk in making the creek too accessible for young children."

"As a resident of the Knox Court Complex, is to maintain the privacy, safety and security of the Knox Court residents. Clearly defined boundaries between the North Unley Park and Knox Court need to be established, including signage indicating it is trespassing"

"...ensure the park continues to be a safe environment for exercising dogs. Being able to have dogs away from children/the BBQ area/entry and exit points, is the reason we use the park, it would be a shame to lose this feature. During winter, the creek can flow very rapidly so a strong fence line which dogs and/or children can't get through should be a high priority.."

"...There are safety concerns with creating public connections to and through our private property and I am personally not in support of creating public access onto our grounds.. we are concerned that allowing the public access to our property would increase the likelihood of other unsafe activity.. hopefully with the upgrades to the park this unsafe activity / behaviour will be deterred."

"...not provide access to the public into Knox Court. This is private property. ...result in unwanted incidents occurring, along with a lack of privacy for myself and other owners and tenants if a pathway was made available from Knox Court to the park. ..Some modifications could be made to showcase these 3 entrances without intrusion on private properties."

Discussion

- 89% of respondents indicated support for the implementation plan and some had suggestions to reduce the time frames to short term actions. Others were supportive but had concerns regarding the opportunities to create a connection through to King William Road and the use of private land.
- 11% of respondents indicated no support for the implementation plan mainly because of their objection to proposed connection opportunities through private land.
- It was highlighted the priority of the creek and the safety of the users and the surrounding dwellings.



SURVEY RESULTS

Further comments

"Totally opposed to encouraging public access through Knox Court car park. Not acceptable."

"This is one of the most thorough and most clear masterplans I have ever seen - and I make masterplans as part of my job! A big well done to the team, and I look forward to the future of North Unley Play Park."

"I would like a shorter timeline"

"why does it take so long?"

"Reduce the work and have a short time frame. Otherwise local residents living by the park and using the park will be negatively impacted by noise, workers, gardeners, machinery...preferene for evergreen planting. "

" (1) I support the introduction of Exercise Stations. (2) Also think a Tiny Street Library would be a great asset, allowing some to simply sit and read while others in their group might exercise, use the playground etc...."

"... We would also challenge a larger and more modern court being installed as the risk of young people hanging out in a quiet park where they can't be seen from the street, playing music from speaker etc, will be too high. Lighting in the park is a good idea depending on what time it is turned off..."

"..important green infrastructure for all of Unley and it has been neglected for too long. 10 years to complete this work is too long and should be done much more quickly...."

"The overall scheme and masterplan looks great. I do have comment on altering the creek bed, there has been a history of flooding... I am not in support of any gate or access to/from our property (Knox Court) for obvious safety reasons and because our property is private, and we do not wish to make it a public walkway..."

"Community gardening opportunities/working bee in the park to help out? "

"I am a resident at knox court and it would be awesome if we could access the park through a gate at the rear of the property although i can appreciate implementing this may be incredibly difficult.."

"I am supportive of all of the ideas, however I do not want any toilet facility in the park. The highest priority should be the removal of the existing toilet block...."

"Lighting in the park. The magpies & larger birds & Mopock, kookaburras use the park & people like their presence. Putting lighting at night will disrupt bird breeding and safety. Green space is not just about people and not only the reason people visit..."

" It is a lovely park so I encourage many of your proposed implementations. My thoughts include: 1. the addition of eye-catching signage on the corner of King William Road & Young Street ... 2. Open up the entrance from Young Street to the park so that the park is more visible and feels safer to enter, and 3. Add signage within the park to ensure people do not harm the birds and other animals which live there..."

"A fence along the young street entrance is essential for the safety of children who use the park, Particularly given the dry creek bed/ nature play area proposed close to the young street entrance. If other children are playing in the new playground area or in other parts of the park, close supervision and ensuring child safety is impossible without the park being properly fenced at all entry/ exit points."

